

Meeting of the Task Force on International Relations and Federalism

States and Nation Policy Summit
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill * Washington, DC
Friday, December 5, 2014
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Public Chair: Representative Tim Moffitt (NC)
Incoming Public Chair: Representative Gene Whisnant (OR)
Federalism Subcommittee Chair: Representative Ken Ivory (UT)
Incoming Private Chair: Lorenzo Montanari (Property Rights Alliance)
Task Force Director: Karla Jones

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting

Federalism

Presentation: Federalism and Public Lands – A Constitutional Point of View

Presentation: Crude Exports

“Draft Resolution in Support of Lifting Federal Restrictions on Crude Oil Exports”

Presentation: Update on American Lands Council Summit

“Draft Public Policy Statement on Transfer of Public Lands”

Presentation: A State by State Progress Report – A Balanced Budget Amendment to the US Constitution

Presentation: Where do we go from here? Concrete Steps!

Task Force Business

Consideration of Model Policy Due to Sunset

❖ “Resolution on Open and Reciprocal Trade with Canada”

- ❖ “Resolution Urging the European Union to Remove Its Ban on the Sale of Smokeless Tobacco”
- ❖ “Resolution Establishing an American Legislative Exchange Council Democracy and Governance Program”

International Relations Task Force

Presentation: Activity and Role of the European Parliament Liaison Office

Presentation: Azerbaijan

Presentation: The Election is Over – It’s Time to Focus on Trade

Presentation: Taxes without Borders

“Draft Updates to Resolution Opposing International Taxation Initiatives”
Dual-Referral to the Task Force on Tax and Fiscal Policy

Presentation: Intellectual Property – Keeping It Personal

Presentation: Global Brand Council – Promoting Brand Integrity to Protect Trademarks

“Draft Resolution to Support Trademark Protections”

Presentation: The 2014 Intellectual Property Rights Index

Speaker Biographies

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David Biddulph/Co-founder, Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force

David Biddulph, 71, is a semi-retired entrepreneur and citizen activist. Married 49 years to Susie, he has one child, Carrie, a son-n-law, Tim and two grandchildren, Hanna 12 and Haley 10. Raised in Dearborn, Michigan, he received his MBA from the University of Michigan in 1968. He spent 10 years at the National Bank of Detroit in banking systems and pension investment achieving the designation of Certified Financial Analyst. He and his wife started a solar heating company in 1978 in Port Orange Florida. After 6 years, the business was sold to the employees and they started Market Force Corporation by compiling a list of 1,000 new businesses opening up monthly in Orlando, FL. Today the company compiles information on 50,000+ new businesses per week in all 50 states and provides the information to such companies as: AT&T, Capital One, and Verizon. In the late 1980's his mother-in-law was forced to move from her retirement home because the taxes went from \$800 to \$4,800 in 6 years and she was on a fixed income of \$15,000 per year. He and his wife bought out her half interest but knew that if the taxes continued to escalate at double digit rates, they too would be forced to sell their dream home in New Smyrna Beach, FL.

He found Ken Wilkinson's "Save Our Home" petition drive and became the volunteer director for Volusia County. On Super Tuesday, 1992 he organized 60 volunteers who collected 15,000 signatures in one day. He went on to coordinate the state petition drive that resulted in a 3% assessment limitation measure being placed on the 1992 ballot. It passed by 54% and today is saving homeowners over 6 billion in property taxes a year. No Florida homeowner since 1995 has received a double digit property tax increase.

In the spring of 1993, he formed the Tax Cap Committee. With the financial support of the business community and over 10,000 Floridians, the Tax Cap Committee collected over 2.8 million petition signatures. The Supreme Court rejected 4 proposed amendments and allowed a vote on 2. Both were approved by voters and added to Florida's constitution: 2/3 vote to add a tax or fee to the constitution and the elimination of the "single subject" restriction for amendments that "limit the power of government to raise revenue." In addition, due to the popular support for property rights demonstrated by the collection of over 860,000 petitions, the legislature passed and the Governor signed the landmark Bert Harris Private Property Rights Act of 1995.

Twice the Florida Supreme Court removed from the ballot a proposal that would have given the voters the power to approve any new state or local taxes. A similar measure was passed in Colorado in 1992 called the Taxpayer Bill Of Rights.

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Representative Alan Clemmons /SC House of Representatives

Representative Alan Clemmons represents District 107 – Myrtle Beach – in South Carolina. He has served as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Election Laws Subcommittee since 2006; was elected Secretary of the House Republican Caucus in 2005; and is a member of the Rules Committee, elected as its 2nd Vice Chairman for a term that spanned 2004-2006.

Representative Clemmons received his B.S. from Coastal Carolina University and his J.D. from Hamline University School of Law. He works as a real estate attorney, a title insurance agent and businessman and the Organizer and Director of Tidelands Bank. He is a member of numerous organizations including the South Carolina Bar Association, the Horry County Bar Association, the Rotary Club of Myrtle Beach and the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce.

Kasie Gorosh/US Chamber of Commerce/Global Intellectual Property Center

Kasie Gorosh is the Director of U.S. Intellectual Property Policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC). In this capacity, Kasie advocates for the protection of IP rights both online and in physical markets with a special focus designing public policy solutions to combat counterfeit goods.

Prior to joining the Global Intellectual Property Center, Kasie served as an advisor to private sector clients fighting illegal online pharmacies. She also served as law clerk to The Honorable C. Ray Mullins, Chief Judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division.

Kasie is a graduate of both Michigan State University and the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. During law school, Kasie served as President of the Student Bar Association, on the Executive Board of the Sherman Minton Moot Court, Law Alumni Board, Admissions Committee, and 2012 Class Campaign for Excellence. Involved in various student and volunteer organizations, upon graduation, Kasie received the honor of Outstanding Contribution to Student Life. She also worked as a research assistant on issues of globalization with a specialization on the global impact of counterfeit luxury goods.

Kasie has a wide-range of expertise in multiple disciplines. She worked for a national advertising agency, and in a variety of federal government positions including work on Capitol Hill, at the United States Supreme Court, and at the Federal Judicial Center.

Kasie received her B.A. in Communication and Business *magna cum laude* from Michigan State University in 2008. While an undergraduate, Kasie was selected as Most Outstanding Senior by MSU faculty.

Blu Hulsey/Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs

Blu Hulsey is the Vice President of Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs at Continental Resources. He is responsible for advising corporate leadership and implementing strategy to influence government and regulatory actions. Mr. Hulsey is a registered lobbyist in North Dakota, Montana and Oklahoma. Prior to joining Continental Resources, Mr. Hulsey served as the City Manager for the Cities of Bixby and Skiatook, Oklahoma. He also served as Council for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for Senator Inhofe in Washington, DC and as a field representative in the Senator's Tulsa office.

A native Oklahoman, Mr. Hulsey attended Oklahoma State and received a Business Management Degree. He also attended University of Tulsa, School of Law and is licensed to practice Law in Oklahoma.

Representative Ken Ivory/Utah House of Representatives

Representative Ken Ivory was born in Mt. Pleasant, Utah (Sanpete County) in 1963. He grew up in Tempe, Arizona graduating from McClintock HS in 1981. He served a mission for his church in Guatemala, Central America.

Following this experience, Ken spent about three years in Japan teaching English and managing student exchange programs to the U.S. This led to establishing a Japanese language program at Provo District High Schools where Ken was the first Japanese teacher at Provo H.S. Ken met and married his wife, Becky in 1988, graduated from BYU in 1989 with a degree in Japanese, and they immediately left for Japan where Ken was hired as a coordinator of international relations in the mayor's office of the city of Osaka, Japan.

Ken graduated from California Western School of Law in San Diego in 1994, practiced business law in Las Vegas, including serving as general counsel for a publicly traded Japanese company, until moving back to Utah in 1999 where he established his own business, estate planning and mediation practice. Becky is a junior high school music teacher, and past recipient of Golden Apple outstanding teacher award. They have four children ages 12-22. Their oldest is serving a mission for her church in Peru, another majoring in music therapy at Utah State, their son is actively involved in high school musicals and drama, and their budding "baby" is a musical genius.

Ken is the author of *Where's the Line? How States Protect the Constitution* and numerous articles on state sovereignty, fiscal responsibility, and public lands in leading magazines and periodicals. Ken's community involvement includes serving as past chair of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Sandy Rotary Club, member of the Sandy Honorary Colonels Association, general counsel for the Japan Olympic team during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, a past seminary teacher at Copper Hill High School and a managing director for the Utah Special Olympic Summer Games. Ken is fluent in Japanese and Spanish.

Lorenzo Montanari/Americans for Tax Reform-Property Rights Alliance

Lorenzo Montanari is international programs manager at Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and Executive Director of Property Rights Alliance (PRA) an advocacy group affiliated with ATR for the protection of physical and intellectual property rights, both domestically and internationally. As international programs manager, Mr. Montanari developed the *Taxpayers Leaders Forum* (TLF); the *Coalition Leaders Forum*(CLF); the *International Coalition Meeting* (ICM) and organized training workshops in Europe, Latin America and Southeast Asia. In his capacity at Property Rights Alliance, he is in charge of publishing the [International Property Rights Index](#), an international comparative study focused on intellectual and physical property rights. He also worked as a political analyst and electoral observer in Latin America. Lorenzo holds a BA/MA in Political Science and in International Relations from the University of Bologna and a MA in Political Management from the George Washington University.

Professor Robert G. Natelson/Independence Institute

Robert G. Natelson is one of America's best-known constitutional scholars. For 23 years, he served as Professor of Law at the University of Montana, where he taught Constitutional Law and became a recognized national expert on the framing and adoption of the United States Constitution. He pioneered the use of source material, such as important Founding-Era law books, overlooked by other writers, and he has been the first to uncover key facts about some of the most significant parts of the Constitution. Rob has written for some of the most prestigious academic publishers, including Cambridge University Press, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, and *Texas Law Review*.

Antoine RIPOLL/Director of the European Parliament Liaison Office

Since November 1st 2012, *Antoine Ripoll* has headed the European Parliament Liaison Office with the US Congress in Washington, DC. His aim is to bring together American and European Legislators on the main transatlantic issues.

He has a Masters in Public and European Law from Paris - Panthéon Sorbonne University and has devoted his professional career to the European Union. A civil servant at the European Commission from 1986 to 1988, he then decided to join the European Parliament, with various functions: media and communication, parliamentary committees (environment, transport, foreign affairs, trade, economic affairs). Closely involved in the preparation of the enlargement to Central and Eastern European countries to the EU.

From 2007 to July 2012, he served as Chief of Staff of the Leader of the largest Parliamentary Group (European People's Party, Centre-Right, 270 Members of the European Parliament). From July to October 2012, Antoine was Director for Relations with Parliamentary Groups (caucuses).

Antoine is married to US/Italian citizen and has two children. He received the Chevalier de l'ordre national du Mérite (French Republic)

Scott Rogers/Executive Director, Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force

Scott Rogers has 12 years of experience in government affairs and campaign management. He is charged with implementing the strategic goals and objectives of the Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force and is its webmaster. He has been working on federal budget issues since July 2007.

Scott previously worked at OnlineDemocracy.com designing the content, functionality and form of its online voter registration site. He worked closely with members of the Federal Elections Commission as well as state election officials to ensure the online voter registration process complied with all federal and state regulations.

He spent five years with Merrill Lynch in Jacksonville, FL as an analyst researching the results of fund share activities for Merrill Lynch's mutual fund and money market products.

In a previous life Scott worked as a campaign manager for several citizen initiative campaigns in Florida. He was responsible for ensuring that state and local election officials properly processed thousands of signed constitutional amendment petitions.

He served from 2009 to 2011 as the Secretary of the Alachua County Housing Finance Authority, a dependent special district authorized under Florida Statutes and County Codes, to issue tax exempt revenue bonds to finance qualified affordable housing projects in Alachua County.

Scott served on the Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee from 2012 to 2014. The committee is responsible for an annual showing from the county's permanent art collection, handling of the portraits in the County Courthouse, long term loans, arranging for the conservation and care of the collection in county facilities, and group shows of local artists.

Scott graduated from the University of Florida with a Masters of Arts in Political Science and a Certificate in Public Affairs. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society and served as the GAU Representative on the Political Science Graduate Student Council. Scott has interned with the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) and the Washington D.C. office of a Florida Congressman.

Thomas A. Schatz/President of Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW)

Mr. Schatz is a nationally-recognized spokesperson on government waste and has been interviewed on every major television news program, hundreds of radio talk shows, local news broadcasts, and digital media outlets. Mr. Schatz frequently testifies before committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as well as before state and local legislative and regulatory bodies.

During his 28 years with CAGW, Mr. Schatz has helped make CAGW a “leading government watchdog on fiscally conservative issues, like taxes and earmarks,” according to *National Journal*. CAGW was cited by *The Hill* for its leading role in successfully pushing for the congressional earmark moratorium, which was identified as one of the “top 10 lobbying victories in 2010.” *The Hill* named Mr. Schatz as a “top lobbyist” for five consecutive years, from 2010-2014.

His previous books include “End the Income Tax,” co-authored with Jack Anderson in 1997; and “Telecom Unplugged: Ushering in a New Digital Era,” co-authored with Deborah Collier in 2014. In November 2014, CAGW released a second report he co-authored with Ms. Collier entitled “Intellectual Property: Making It Personal.”

Prior to joining CAGW in 1986, Mr. Schatz spent six years as legislative director for Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr. and two years practicing law and lobbying.

Mr. Schatz holds a law degree from George Washington University and graduated With Honors from the State University of New York at Binghamton with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is married to Leslee Behar and has two daughters, Samantha and Alexandra.

Ambassador Elin Suleymanov/Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan

In October of 2011, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev appointed **Elin Suleymanov** as Azerbaijan's Ambassador to the United States of America. Prior to that, for over five years, Mr. Suleymanov had been the nation's first Consul General to Los Angeles and the Western States leading the team, which established Azerbaijani diplomatic presence on the West Coast. Earlier, he served as Senior Counselor at the Foreign Relations Department, Office of the President in Baku, Azerbaijan and as Press Officer of the Azerbaijani Embassy in Washington, DC. Mr. Suleymanov's experience before joining diplomatic service includes working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Azerbaijan, as well as with the Open Media Research Institute in Prague, Czech Republic, and Glaverbel Czech, a leading manufacturing company in East-Central Europe.

A graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, Massachusetts, Mr. Suleymanov also holds graduate degrees from the Political Geography department of the Moscow State University, Russia, and from the University of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Suleymanov has authored numerous articles and is a frequent presenter at academic events. He speaks Azerbaijani, English, Russian and Czech languages.

David Thomas/Vice President of the Business Roundtable

David Thomas is a Vice President for the Business Roundtable. In this role, he oversees the International Engagement committee, advocating international trade and investment policies that promote U.S. competitiveness, economic growth, and job creation.

Before joining the Business Roundtable in July 2011, Mr. Thomas served as Trade Counsel for the Subcommittee on Trade of the Committee on Ways & Means within the U.S. House of Representatives. He

advised Members of Congress and staff on a range of international trade legislation and other matters, including negotiation and implementation of trade agreements, bilateral relationships with U.S. trading partners, and World Trade Organization (WTO) issues.

Prior to joining the House Ways & Means trade staff in March 2007, Mr. Thomas was in private practice for eight years in the D.C. office of a large international law firm. His practice focused on international trade and transportation policy and legal matters. He represented corporate and other clients before Congress and the Executive Branch on matters involving bilateral and regional trade agreements, WTO agreements, U.S. trade preferences, and other trade matters.

Mr. Thomas received his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law, and he was Senior Articles Editor of the *Maryland Journal of International Law and Trade*. Before law school, he worked as a legislative aide for former U.S. Senator Dirk Kempthorne. Mr. Thomas graduated *magna cum laude* from Dickinson College, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a minor in Economics. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

David E. Williams/ President of the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA)

David Williams is the President of the Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA). TPA was founded in 2011 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, educational and advocacy organization dedicated to educating the public through the research, analysis and dissemination of information on the government's effects on the economy. TPA through its network of taxpayers will hold politicians of both parties accountable for the effects of their policies on the size, scope, efficiency and activity of government and offer real solutions to runaway deficits and debt.

Mr. Williams is an expert on government waste and the budget process. His television appearances include: "ABC News with Peter Jennings," "Hannity and Colmes," CNN and Fox News. He has also appeared on numerous local network affiliates. Mr. Williams has appeared on hundreds of radio talk shows from coast to coast including WBZ in Boston, WGN in Chicago, KABC in Los Angeles, WCBS in New York, and WOAI in San Antonio.

Mr. Williams has testified numerous times on government waste issues before committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

During his 21 years in Washington, DC, Mr. Williams has been instrumental in the development of strict criteria to define pork barrel spending that are used by members of Congress and the media.

Mr. Williams has traveled to Great Britain, Jamaica, and South Korea to help establish groups similar to TPA in those countries. Mr. Williams has also traveled to Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, the Republic of Georgia, Lithuania, Romania, Uganda and Ukraine to advise taxpayer and free market groups.

Mr. Williams has a Masters of Art in Political Science from Villanova University and a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications from Kutztown University.